

STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION: IT IS UP TO US!

Storm water flows through storm drains directly to local creeks and rivers with NO TREATMENT. Natural and chemical contaminants introduced by humans can negatively affect water quality.

What are some types of contaminants that might reach our rivers and streams?

Contaminants resulting from unwise landscaping practices, such as over applying or overwatering, might include dirt, leaves, grass clippings, fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides.

Chemicals from household products from washing your car, painting, or household cleaners.

Toxins such as oil or antifreeze that may leak from your car.

Did you know that one pint of oil can produce a one-acre slick on a water surface and can contaminate 250,000 gallons of water?

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREVENT STORM WATER POLLUTION?

- Never use the gutter or storm drain system for disposal of household hazardous waste. If you wouldn't drink it, don't dump it.
- Store toxic products and chemicals indoors or in a shed or storage cabinet.
- Take unwanted hazardous materials and containers to the household hazardous waste disposal facility.
- Do not wash tools and equipment in driveways, gutters or drainage ways. Wash over grassed or soil areas where wash water will not reach the street.
- Inspect and maintain vehicles to reduce leakage of fluids.
- Reduce automotive emissions through regular maintenance and by limiting vehicle usage.
- Clean up spills with kitty litter or absorbent material and let dry. Dispose of cleanup as solid waste.

Report illegal dumping of oil, fuel, paint & other hazardous materials into the storm system to: **Ogden City Operations 1-801-629-8271**
(After hours, call 911)

Vehicles should be washed at a commercial car wash. Vehicles can be washed on the lawn with biodegradable soap to reduce wash water flows to the storm drain system.

Recycle Oil - pour waste oil into an unbreakable container (plastic milk jug), seal and label. Call **1-801-399-8803**. Recycling used oil could reduce national petroleum imports by 25.5 million barrels per year! **Do not mix other materials with oil.**

OUR CURRENT STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING SIX CONTROL MEASURES:

- Public education and outreach
- Public participation/involvelement
- Illicit discharge detection and elimination
- Construction site runoff control
- Post-construction runoff control
- Pollution prevention/good housekeeping

WHERE TO TAKE HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE

There is a household hazardous waste facility located at the Weber County Solid Waste Facility at **867 West Wilson Lane**. Oil, antifreeze, and paint are accepted. Weber County homeowners can bring their household hazardous waste to the facility and it will be taken off their hands for FREE! Call **1-801-399-8803** for more information.



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